

To McClosky - his field director ... !

Flower:

How many people can/do classify

3-400

"Several hundred" have authority from SecDef
- DOD to assign original classification.

This has no effect; in practice, the "derivative
authority" to classify, anyone can classify -
several hundred thousand can classify.

Security prerogatives,
monitored:

"Is ego involved" - in working on TS project,
rather than S or OVC?

Cost: \$50 billion a year [

Get at security clearance system

[How many cleared...?]

Have you read NYT? (most) + Post? (all)

What class. should orig have been given?

Conf of full 47-vol report at time of
issuance — a confession, a description, a
history — actions had been taken, not protective

actions —

"I do not believe that there is any question of the national
security

~~For~~ For last 2 years or so, none of it should
have been classified —

"To assign a TS class. is like

[To keep "pattern of behavior" secret from
"possible opponents," we keep it secret from
ourselves — public and officials ["who won't read
"studies" at home.]]

WF:

~~But~~ Perhaps 1% of TS is ever declassified —
though Highest Authorities can do it at any time, for
this purposes.

TS — "Sensitive" — extra-legal class. is prohibited
by statute.

"Have the effect of extra classif., but
can be defended as restrictions on dissemination."

[Florence is one of the most straightforward,
honest, & self-confident bureaucrats

Florence: "20 million docs" is est — could be much higher,
or some lower...
250 file-cabinets of classified docs at
one ~~big~~ commercial firm

William Florence, 40 years in DOD on
Mooredham Committee

classification

Retired last month

(for USA + USAF:
1942-50; 3 major)

~ before — Committee

1950 till May 71
as class. specialist)

20 million ~~spies~~ spies of classified docs

now in existence, including copies.

[Estimate that $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ^{in remotest sense} deserves to be kept

secretly confidential. — i.e. whereas 99%

very good is only 99 $\frac{1}{4}$ % pure soap,

99 $\frac{5}{100}$ % of security classification is pure —]

rescinded
repeals Exec Order ¹⁰²⁹⁰ 1951, which
₁₀₅₀₁

extends ~~to~~ seizing rights to all agencies...

Should never have allowed an individual by
administrative action to decide to deny info to public

[ASK HIM WHAT HE COULD HAVE SAID
ABOUT THIS 2 MONTHS AGO]

"Don't review, rescind."

— derivative classification national interests

— "info is borne classified — can be declassified
only if it can be proved that it will not harm the

[I am keeping secrets will use

judgment in consultation with elected officials
of experience ~~for~~

at least until some procedure exists

that will take account of all interests

I have no confidence in current DoD procedures

[Security regs gave Pres a fatal power

There are a lot better things to read about

~~than~~ than me